

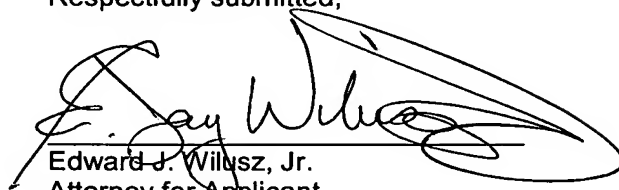
REMARKS

An amended set of claims is submitted in order to eliminate multiple dependencies and to better conform to U.S. practice. The amendments to the claims are supported by the original claims. In addition, the amended language of claim 3 is supported by the language in the first full paragraph and the last paragraph on page 17 of the Specification.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

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